(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) An updating survey for a new line linking Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad BG line (27 kms) has been completed recently. As per the survey report, the cost of this new line has been assessed as Rs. 153.73 crore. North Western Railway has been asked to review the cost of the proposed line.

Running of Janta trains

†2388. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of passengers travelling in general bogies of train is five times the number of seats;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to run any Janta train for them, so that, Ijjat pass provided by Government can prove to be effective; and

(c) if so, the time by when the train would be run, and if not, the details of the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) General unreserved coaches are normally over crowded.

(b) and (c) New trains introduced normally have general bogies, some of which may be utilized by monthly pass holders. However, presently there is no proposal to start a Janata Train.

Toilets and urinals at platforms

2389. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has prescribed requirement of toilets and urinals to be provided at platforms as well as in waiting halls/sheds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether most of the platforms/waiting halls/sheds do not have the prescribed number of toilets and urinals and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether most of the existing toilets and urinals are in unusable condition and if so, the steps taken to provide clean and hygienic urinals/toilets on platforms etc. for the benefit of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Comprehensive instructions already exist for provision of passenger amenities including

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.